

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of Claims 14-18 and that Claims 7, 11, and 12 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claims 4 and 7 and is thus assumed to be allowable. Claims 2-3, 5-6, 8-9 and 13 depend from Claim 1 and are patentable for the same reasons as Claim 1 and by reason of the additional limitations called for therein. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from Claim 1.

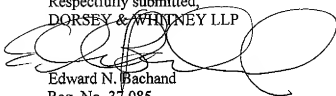
Claims 4, 7, 10-12 and 19-23 have been canceled.

The foregoing amendments and cancellations have been made without prejudice to further prosecution of the previously amended and cancelled claims in other applications.

Reference numerals have been removed from the claims so as to not unduly limit the claims to the referenced elements.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of record are allowable and that the application should be passed to issue. Should the Examiner believe that the application is not in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would help further prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

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